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Media Release

Waste Awards presented at Waste and Recycle Conference 2011

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A packed room of finalists, friends, family and conference participants celebrated the Waste Authority's Waste Awards at the Waste and Recycle Conference 2011. Twelve finalists were selected by independent judging panels.

The awards were jointly presented by the Minister for Environment, Hon. Bill Marmion MLA and Peter Fitzpatrick, AM JP, Chairman of the Waste Authority, at a special function preceding the official opening of the conference.

"In celebrating the achievements of individuals, communities, businesses and government, the awards recognise outstanding efforts in working towards the Waste Authority's objectives for minimising waste to landfill and encouraging innovative and committed recycling initiatives," said Mr Fitzpatrick.

"The Waste Authority created these prestigious awards to recognise the significant and often creative contributions made to waste avoidance and resource recovery across the State."

The awards four categories reflected the various sectors and communities of interest involved in waste reduction. The categories were:

- **Waste Reduction & Resource Recovery Initiative**
- **Local Government Waste Reduction Initiative**
- **Waste Wise Schools Waste Reduction Initiative**
- **Waste Champion (an individual or organisation)**

The range of activities included:

- Custom built glass crushers
- Battery recycling at schools
- Special recycling stations
- An event recycling trailer
- Sustainable training courses for trades
- Zero Waste lunch days
- A personal commitment to litter reduction

Details of the award recipients follows.

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Waste Reduction & Resource Recovery Initiative

Winner	SODEXO
Honourable Mention	Landcorp
Honourable Mention	All Earth Group

Local Government Waste Reduction Initiative

Winner	Shire of Dowerin
Honourable Mention	Shire of Augusta-Margaret River
Honourable Mention	City of Nedlands

Waste Wise Schools Waste Reduction Initiative

Winner	Yuluma Primary
Honourable Mention	Clifton Hills Primary
Honourable Mention	Dawesville Catholic Primary

Waste Champion

Winner	Peg Davies, MRC
Honourable Mention	Chris Byrnes, CARE
Honourable Mention	Green Painters Ltd

Details of each recipient follow...



Waste Reduction & Resource Recovery Initiative

WINNER	SODEXO
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- Sodexo’s Resource Recovery Program was set up in 2007 and now operates in 19 mining villages in WA
- Program aims to reduce waste to landfill, recover all recyclable materials, educate staff and residents, benefit the community and minimise the environmental impact of the business
- Worked with Ruggies Recycling to raise over \$200,000 for Princess Margaret Hospital and the Royal Flying Doctor Service in WA over the last 4 years

Honourable Mention	Landcorp
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- 70% of demolition material from Perry Lakes stadium was diverted from landfill for recycling or reuse
- The demolition material included clay bricks, bricks, timber, metaliferous materials, road base, logs, concrete and salvageable material
- recycling and reuse of demolition material has resulted in positive environmental benefits

Honourable Mention	All Earth Group
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- Diverted approximately 1 million tonnes from landfill in the last 7 years
- Success in shifting attitudes to using recycled materials
- Products used on numerous major projects across the city
- Products continue to earn a great reputation as reliable, consistent, high performing, cost effective alternative to virgin materials

Local Government Waste Reduction Initiative

WINNER	Shire of Dowerin
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- Recycling trailer launched at 2010 Dowerin Field Days
- Shire works with wedding caterers to recycle
- Un-used wool balers used to bale cardboard
- Two Dowerin people trained by City of Armadale to dismantle e-waste



Honourable Mention

Shire of Augusta-Margaret River

- In conjunction with the Product Stewardship Forum, this project constructed 2,600 square metres of road pavement using 5% Recycled Crushed Glass in the pavement mix
- 100 tonnes of Recycled Crushed Glass used in the road pavement mix as a supplementary fine aggregate
- Diverted 100 tonnes of locally collected glass from landfill
- First public demonstration site in regional Western Australia to use Recycled Crushed Glass

Honourable Mention

City of Nedlands

- 1st WA Local Government to design and introduce new custom made recycling stations
- Outstanding response from other Local Governments and community groups
- Anticipates diverting a significant amount of recyclables & Household Hazardous Waste

Waste Wise Schools Waste Reduction Initiative

WINNER

Yuluma Primary School

- Zero Waste Lunch Days
- Food waste to the worm farm
- Gardening and feeding the chickens
- Visiting Tamala Park and Balcatta recycling centre
- Collaboration with REMIDA Creative Reuse Centre
- Learning about context of waste minimisation and are able to see how waste management is a part of living sustainably
- Whole school battery recycling winners 2009, City of Stirling
- Staff help to develop Waste Wise curriculum

Honourable Mention

Clifton Hills Primary

- Resources for the garden and waste workshops from the local landfill
- Forming partnerships and generating community support
- Engaging resistant staff through education
- Creation of the hero character Captain Clean-Up and working with Cleanaway's waste incursion
- Special days to spread waste minimisation messages across the school



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Honourable Mention

Dawesville Catholic Primary

- Environment teacher position established
- Students Environment Committee
- Reward systems – Waste Wise lunchbox
- Buddy system

Waste Champion

WINNER

Peg Davies, MRC

- 4 years with MRC
- Achieved outstanding results through Earth Carers workshops
- Advised educated and inspired schools to becoming Waste Wise
- Unique, hands-on approach to 4 week course
- Participants described experience as life-changing
- Multi-faceted program
- 2010-11 MRC ran the most extensive waste education program in WA
- Peg has touched the lives of thousands annually - 5000 residents toured in 2010
- Earth Carers Program has maintained growth & momentum
- 200 participants in Earth Carers course have become ambassadors

Honourable Mention

Chris Byrnes, CARE

- Beaky” is a natural communicator & networker who utilises personal style to engage support from colleagues, friends & community
- Clean ups are advertised via local newspaper, emails, flyers, site notices & word of mouth
- Under Beaky's leadership CARE has removed more than 1000 bags of rubbish from the environment in the last 18 months

Honourable Mention

Green Painters Ltd

- First time the newly accredited course in Sustainable Painting Practices was made available in WA
- Course co-developed by Green Painters
- Participants created Continuous Improvement Plan and a Sustainability Action Plan

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